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Abstract of the national paper of Saudi Arabia

1. The national paper of Saudi Arabia to be submitted to the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) describes what Saudi Arabia has done in applying space technology at its best in communications, direct broadcasting, information exchange and remote sensing. Saudi Arabia has established the Space Research Institute at the King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology, whose aim is to promote the transfer, development and adaptation to local conditions of space technology for the purpose of developing human and natural resources in conformity with the country's ambitious development plans.

2. The paper summarizes Saudi Arabia's points of view concerning the importance of international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, the transfer of technology and coordination among all States, both developed and developing, and its belief in the need for compatibility, complementarity and consistency between satellite systems and networks such that they provide for better use of space technology and thus contribute to the development, advancement and well-being of all States of the world.

3. The paper also describes the position of Saudi Arabia as regards the Conference, which causes it to look with optimism at the future peaceful use of space and to hope that the benefits of space will reach all the peoples of the globe; that all the resolutions adopted by the United Nations will preserve the right of all States to unrestricted use of space; and that international environmental studies will be based on objectivity, allowing all States, in particular those which are affected by such studies, to take part in them. Saudi Arabia also stresses the need to keep space out of the arena of nuclear tests and international conflicts and to preserve it from any action that could interfere with satellites or lead to their destruction.

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